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Smooth
R/T/D Waters . . .*

The DRMS Insight

AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY (AIT)

Don't Miss the latest on Bar Coding:

RF Receiving: DRMS deployed Radio Frequency (RF) receiving at DRMOs Jacksonville and Hill. DRMO Kaiserslautern will be coming on-line later this summer.

RF Receiving allows receivers to process property through Portable Input Terminals (PITs,) real-time, interactive with DAISY anywhere in the DRMO yard.

Significant timesavings are being realized, especially in regards to DEMIL-coded property. Receivers perform inquiries to determine proper DEMIL codes and their NIIN characteristics from the yard with PITs.

DEMIL property is then moved to the DEMIL area and processed for receipt.

RF Receiving facilitates immediate processing, reduces travel time and double handling of property and enables the receiver to make on-the spot corrections while still standing in front of the property.

R/T/D Automation: RTD customers will soon be able to screen property using only a PIT. The RTD enhancement to the AIT system will produce computer-generated 103s, 122s and 123s.

No more need to decipher handwritten documents and run inquiries on most DTIDs to gather information that your screener forgot to write down.

In the future, DRMS may also have the capability to electronically send 103s to GSA for approval.

Labels, Ribbons and Contractor Support: Label and ribbon requirements for 4100 stand-alone and 4102 portable printers, are submitted to Sys-Tec Corporation.

They are free issue. DRMO usage is tracked by Sys-Tec who operate a 24-hour, 7-day week Help Line for bar coding issues.

Contact them at: (313) 854-3000, extension 279.

By: Doug Henry/DRMS-USP/AIT Program Manager/DSN 932-5777

YOU NEED TO KNOW:

All requisitions for issue of Small Arms must go through the authorized control points for review and approval before issue can take place.

To review the complete policy guidance, see DoD 4160.21-M, Chapter 4, paragraph B63f, and Chapter 4, paragraph C6 and Attachment 3.

Attachment 3 lists those DoD designated control points authorized to initiate, review and approve Small Arms requisitioning. Be sure to check all such requisitions to verify that they carry the appropriate signature for approval.

Further questions? Check with Joyce Gambrell, DRMS-USR, at DSN 932-5970, or email: jgambrell@drms.dla.mil.

By: Mary E. Smith/DRMS-USR/DSN 932-7552

MILSTRIP REMINDER

Not sure what goes in all those little blocks on a MILSTRIP requisition?

Here's a short reminder. Grab a MILSTRIP requisition form, and follow the key, below. (Clip them out, and tape them up for easy reference).

DRMS REQUISITION FORM - MILSTRIP

M&S: Media/Status, Most common is an "S" which sends status back through your communication center (DIC is AE1).
will default to "O "if nothing is input.

DTID Suffix: Occasionally a DTID (Disposal Turn-In Document)

has 15 characters. The last one is a suffix and will be placed here.

Demand Code: Not applicable to DRMO property.

Signal Code: Use signal code "D" or "M" which indicates that it is a free issue.

"D" - Property will be shipped to the DoDAAC in the requisition number.

"M" - Property will be shipped to the DoDAAC in the supplementary address.

Fund, Distribution, Advice, and Project Codes are not required to fill the requisition, however, may be required by the requisitioner.

Priority: Defaults to 15. You can override (type over), and change to a higher priority.

DTID: Disposal Turn-In Document is mandatory. It has 14 characters, (15 if DTID has a suffix).

If you still have questions, give Marilyn Keagle, DRMS-USR, a call for further information: DSN 932-5939, or email at: mkeagle@drms.dla.mil.

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ALSO MILSTRIP . . .

DRMS is getting a lot of phone calls from customers reporting that when they approach a DRMO to get a MILSTRIP requisition cut, they are told that the DRMO can't help them, and that they should go to DRMS-USR for assistance.

Our first priority, of course, is to strongly encourage our customers to learn to do automated MILSTRIP requisitioning from the web; and to offer to "walk them through it" if they don't know how. If, however, they don't have web access, or are otherwise unable to screen/order electronically:

DRMOs SHOULD BE PROVIDING THIS SERVICE FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS.

The only time referrals should be made to DRMS-USR is for the following:

- The MISTRIP requisition didn't work, and the DRMO hasn't been able to figure out why, or how to remedy it.
- The DRMO is experiencing power failure/systems down.
- Personnel are new to MILSTRIP requisitioning and there's no one at the DRMO who can "walk them thru" inputting such requisitions.

DRMOs should also check the status of MILSTRIP requisitions for their customers by accessing the MISTRIP History option in DAISY. Customers should be reminded, though, that it takes 36 hours after input for the transaction to appear in the system.

If status is urgently needed before 36 hours, the customer should be advised to contact the DRMO with physical custody of the property to see how that DRMO intends to process the item.

If you need assistance learning to input MILSTRIP requisitions, have a problem trying to figure out "what went wrong," or still have unanswered MILSTRIP questions, call Marilyn Keagle, DRMS-USR, at: DSN 932-5939, or email: mkeagle@drms.dla.mil.

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FMS NEWS . . .

Thanks to a suggestion from Debbie Cook, Property Disposal Specialist at DRMO Barstow, FMS has an easier, less expensive way to handle FMS shipping.

Ms. Cook pointed out a duplication of effort. The DRMO, she wrote, was required to have their host shipping/receiving section do all their packing for FMS shipments, based on freight forwarding specifications.

In some cases, she continued, the freight forwarder was re-packing the container on receipt. DRMO Barstow reasoned spending \$67 per-hour for this function was wasted money under the circumstances.

Her suggestion: "change or include the instructions to

DRMO on Form 176 to read: Minimal Packing Requirements Only. This tells the DRMO to pack with minimal requirements as the items are only to be shipped to the freight forwarder; NOT the receiving country."

Thanks, Ms. Cook, and congratulations for spotting a problem and suggesting a remedy; a winning one, at that!

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TA-DA!

DRMS midyear status: our RTD program brought in a very nice \$3.5B.

Twenty percent of receipts are being RTD'd, exceeding our GPRA Goal of 18%. Even more impressively, those numbers put us at 52% ahead of where we were at the same time last year.

Everyone involved with this important program deserves to take a bow.

"We Did Good."

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DON'T MISS THE RTD LOGO CONTEST!

Time to get creative, and have some fun.

Please join us in coming up with a fresh new logo to represent our RTD program. Put on your thinking caps, think about all the ways we support the military, federal agencies, and the states, and create a logo to reflect that.

The winner earns a \$250 On-the-Spot Award, a Reut T-shirt with his/her winner on it; a winner which will be prominently displayed on the RTD Web Page and on reut promotional materials.

A mixed DRMS/DRMO panel of judges will choose by July 8, 1998. (This logo is RTD only; and does not replace the famous "Reut" or "Bucks" Bunnies).

Forward submissions (or questions) to DRMS-USR (Mary Smith) by mail, fax, or email. Use DSN 932-7552, Fax 932-5841 or email: msmith@drms.dla.mil.

Because of a very strong early interest, and short timeframe, the deadline, originally June 15, 1998, has been extended to: June 22, 1998.

Have other questions? Give us a call.

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FT.CARSON/COLORADO SPRINGS COMES UP WITH A UNIQUE REUT

What do you do with over 2 million pounds of unserviceable tank track?

With some great teamwork and a little creativity, you think "re-use." You use the property at hand for the prevention of soil erosion at your own location, and you save money doing it.

Ft. Carson's Pollution Prevention Team heard that their Environmental Compliance and Management area needed something to fend off soil erosion at Ft. Carson.

Even though rock or concrete is normally used for this purpose; why not, they asked, use some of the more than 2 million pounds of unserviceable tank track sitting right there at the Colorado Springs DRMO?

Applying that teamwork and creativity, they reut'd 24,276 tank tracks, in 5 ft. lengths (each weighing 500 pounds), as a transfer through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission. The tracks were then laid in the ditches at Ft. Carson as reinforcement, thus preventing the water flow from washing all the soil away.

This innovative group, by thinking "outside the box," brought about the reutilization of \$3m in tank tracks in an unusual way, and saved considerable disposal costs in the bargain.

Other positive results: the city of Colorado Springs and the U.S. Air Force Academy are now interested in using surplus track in a similar fashion.

****** Many thanks to Elmer Mendoza, Colorado Springs, for providing this information to DRMS-USR.

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MORE GOOD NEWS:

**THIS IS THE VERY FIRST ISSUE OF THE "DRMS INSIGHT" TO APPEAR
ON A WEB PAGE.**

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.

Have other questions, comments, or suggestions?

Call Us.

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